

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BANGKO 14281 200008Z
ACTION HA-05

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 AID-05 PM-05 NSC-05

SP-02 SS-15 /061 W

-----050240 210618Z /23

R 190720Z MAY 78

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4739

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

USMISSION GENEVA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

INS WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BANGKOK 14281

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: JAPANESE POLICY ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

1. SUMMARY: THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN BANGKOK CONFIRMED THAT THE JAPANESE ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT AN EXTREMELY LIMITED NUMBER OF BOAT REFUGEES AND THAT THE JAPANESE PLEDGE OF \$10 MILLION TO THE UNHCR FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT LOCAL SETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND.
END SUMMARY

2. IN A MAY 18 MEETING WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER, JAPANESE COUNSELOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, RYOJI ONEDERA, INDICATED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT BOAT REFUGEES FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT IF THE REFUGEES HAVE A RELATIVE IN JAPAN, JAPANESE FOSTER PARENTS, OR A JAPANESE GUARANTOR. FOR CONSIDERATION, THE REFUGEES WILL ALREADY HAVE TO BE IN JAPAN, OR TO ARRIVE IN JAPAN BY VESSEL.

3. ONEDERA ALSO NOTED THAT THE \$10 MILLION PLEDGE TO THE UNHCR
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BANGKO 14281 200008Z

WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE \$1.5 MILLION THAT JAPAN ALREADY PROVIDED TO THE UNHCR FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN ASIA. ONEDERA ASKED WHETHER THE U S WOULD ALSO PROVIDE ITS OFFER OF ONE TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS THROUGH THE UNHCR. THE EMBASSY OFFICER INDICATED THAT THIS COURSE IS THE MOST LIKELY ONE, BUT THAT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD AWAIT AN INDICATION OF RTG INTEREST IN ACCEPTING THE OFFER.

4. ONEDERA SAID THAT HE WILL BE TRYING TO VISIT SOME REFUGEE CAMPS IN ADVANCE OF THE ARRIVAL OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA IN MID-JUNE. ONEDERA SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTER MIGHT VISIT A REFUGEE CAMP OR THE DIN DAENG TRANSIT CENTER. THE EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO DIN DAENG HAD BEEN A HIGHLIGHT OF HIS STAY IN BANGKOK AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER MIGHT ALSO BENEFIT FROM SEEING IT.
WHITEHOUSE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BANGKO14281
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780213-0984
Format: TEL
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780542/aaaabiyy.tel
Line Count: 71
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a0548c9a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION HA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2643871
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JAPANESE POLICY ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES
TAGS: SREF, PGOV, TH, JA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a0548c9a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014